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NADIA COMANECI, Rumania's 15-year-old gymnast, shows her exquisite form as she scores a perfect 10 on the uneven bars in Montreal on Sunday. A score of 10 has never before been awarded to a gymnast at the Olympic Games. (Story page 5).

Reporters outnumber athletes

MONTREAL. — Reporters covering the Olympics now outnumber the competing athletes as a result of withdrawals from the games by the national teams of 28 African, South American and Middle Eastern countries, an Olympic organizing committee spokesman said yesterday.

Robert Sieber, director general of sports services, said there are currently a total of 7,886 reporters accredited to cover the games while withdrawals during the past three days have reduced the number of

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competitors by at least 303 to 6,934. The number of officials dropped by 60 to 2,225. Sieber's estimate was based on the 16 written and four oral notices of withdrawal received so far by the organizing committee. At least 11 other delegations have told reporters they will formally withdraw and return home this week. (AP)

Soviet fencer ousted from games

MONTREAL. — In an astonishing incident that destroyed the Soviet Union's chances of repeating their Munich gold medal win in the event, Boris Onischenko was expelled from the Olympics after he was found to have wired on his spine to trigger the electronic scoring without touching his opponent.

He was fighting Britain's Jim Fox in the second round of the fencing when he took a lunge at his tall, fair-haired opponent. The Briton stepped back without being touched — and stood amazed as a light signalled that the Russian had scored a hit.

Swim record

MONTREAL. — John Hencken of the U.S. yesterday equalled his world 100-metre breaststroke record to clock the fastest heat time for semi-finals. Hencken, the Olympic champion over 200 metres, came home in one minute, 38.8 seconds to equal the mark he set two years ago.

Polish rioters convicted

WARSAW. — A Polish court convicted six workers yesterday of various charges stemming from a riot against food price increases and sentenced them to prison terms of from four to 10 years, the semi-official Interpress news agency disclosed.

The trial was held in the industrial city of Radom, 100 kms. south of Warsaw, where workers demonstrated against the price hikes. They have since been withdrawn. In a pool announcement to Western news media in Warsaw, Interpress said the trial concluded yesterday on its second day.

Hotel's tourist status revoked

The Deborah Hotel in Tel Aviv has had its classification and tourist-recommended status revoked by the Ministry of Tourism.

A ministry spokesman said yesterday that the step was taken against the 87-room hotel in Rehov Ben-Yehuda, because of numerous complaints by tourists.

Anglicans meet

Jerusalem Post Reporter Bishops from Syria, Lebanon and Jordan are among the 60 Anglicans attending an ecclesiastical conference which opened in Jerusalem's St. George Cathedral yesterday.

'Austrians like the Kfir'

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Austrian Air Force's chief test pilot flew a Kfir fighter in Israel last month, and reported very favourably on the aircraft's performance.



Lady Bird Johnson arrives in Jerusalem. (Israel)

Lady Bird arrives

A tightly-packed six-day schedule is waiting for Lady Bird Johnson, widow of the late U.S. President Lyndon Baines Johnson, who arrived in Jerusalem last night for a private visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry.

When she arrived aboard a TWA flight, Mrs. Johnson was greeted by Ephraim Evron of the Foreign Ministry and her daughter Lucie Baines Nugent, who arrived several days earlier. Lucie has already taken in some of the sights — including a brief visit to Jordan. Her other daughter, Linda, will join her tomorrow.

VAT offender fined IL5,000

A Jerusalem storeowner has been prosecuted and sentenced for not registering his business for the purposes of collecting the Value Added Tax, only 19 days after the law went into effect.

Syrians close in on Beirut

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent and agencies

Syrian troops spearheaded by tanks, moved closer to Beirut yesterday as the U.S. prepared another evacuation of civilians from war-torn Lebanon.

Evacuees were due to gather at the U.S. Embassy last night, though officials there declined to disclose details "for security reasons." Scores of Americans and other foreigners of different nationalities were evacuated last month by U.S. Sixth Fleet vessels.

Spokesmen for the alliance between the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the leftists alleged that Syrian military moves in the Beirut area were being coordinated with the Americans. The spokesmen further charged that the fanning out of Syrian armour was

a prelude for a joint offensive with the Christian forces to capture western Beirut, now controlled by the PLO-leftist camp.

The U.S. evacuation of Americans and citizens from 39 other foreign countries is worrying many Lebanese who suspect that the Americans may have secret information about a Syrian-Christian offensive on western Beirut where the U.S. Embassy is located.

Adding to the fears was a front-page newspaper announcement yesterday by Pan American Airways that it was closing down its operations in Beirut and moving temporarily to Damascus because of the Beirut Airport's indefinite closure.

U.S. Embassy officials said the only reason to urge all Americans to leave is that the embassy can

no longer operate on a day-to-day basis because of drastic electricity and water shortages. An estimated 600,000 of Lebanon's three million population already have fled the country to other Middle Eastern and European nations.

The PLO-leftist camp and the Christians reported that they were locked in see-saw battles in Beirut and other areas. The PLO claimed that one of its garrisons was attacked by Syrian troops outside the Nahr el-Bared refugee camp, east of the northern city of Tripoli. The PLO claimed that the Syrians were making bids to "consolidate their occupation of two-thirds of Lebanon," thus reneging on their pledges to pull back.

Libyan Premier Abdul Salam Jalloud, who shuttled between Beirut and Damascus for the last five weeks, was reported to have made

no headway in reconciling Syrian President Hafez Assad and PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

Another Arab mediator, Hassan Sabri Khalil of the Arab League, said in Damascus a projected Arab peacekeeping force would not take up positions in Lebanon in the foreseeable future. "I am sorry to say the combatants still are determined to carry on their war although they both know there will be no victor and no vanquished," he said. "The only outcome can be two vanquished."

The leftist Beirut Radio claimed that "the crisis is almost at a dead end. Syria is consolidating and expanding its occupation with Arab countries purposely looking the other way to allow Lebanon to be partitioned. There will be a small Christian state and the rest of Lebanon will be taken by Syria."

Ford says Libya may be behind terrorism

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. President Ford said yesterday that Libya may be responsible for stimulating terrorism around the world but he declined to divulge any evidence in American hands.

At a news conference, Ford said the U.S. is working with other countries, and in particular with the United Nations, to put forward "a strong anti-terrorist effort."

Speculation that Libya's leader, Col. Muammar Gaddafi, is training, arming and financing a broad terrorist network was raised again last week by diplomats here and abroad. Ford's comments appear to reinforce the suggestion.

"We do know," he said, "that the Libyan government has, in many ways, done certain things that might have stimulated terrorist activity." But the President declined to discuss the problem in specifics, saying only that it would not be wise to outline what "might prove or disprove" this development.

Times" published an article describing in considerable detail Gaddafi's involvement in all sorts of terrorist activities, including the financing of Palestinian terrorist attacks against Israel.

The U.S. and Libya maintain diplomatic relations, but since 1973 Washington has only kept a charge d'affaires in Tripoli.

Questioned about how he would react to another Arab oil embargo, Ford said he was confident his administration's diplomatic "successes" in the Middle East have precluded the chances of another Arab-Israeli war, and, consequently, another Arab oil embargo.

Earlier this month, Democratic candidate Jimmy Carter warned the Arab oil-producing countries that the U.S., during his administration, would consider another oil embargo "a declaration of economic war."

Asked to comment on Carter's position, the President said: "If you have the trust of the Arab nations as well as Israel, I don't think you have to look forward to war or embargo."

Evacuation postponed

BEIRUT. — Citing security reasons, the U.S. Embassy yesterday postponed the departure of an evacuation convoy of foreigners from embattled Beirut.

An embassy spokesman said this morning's scheduled departure of 400 foreigners, including 143 Americans, had been postponed because of "advice we received that conditions would not be totally secure" along the unguarded route the bus-and-car convoy was to have taken to Damascus.

The spokesman said "parties with whom we are in contact" advised the embassy to postpone what was to have been the last of seven American and British-organized evacuations of foreigners from Lebanon. He declined to specify which parties, but it was generally known to be the PLO, which has served as escort on earlier evacuations.

Yesterday, U.S. officials sought to downplay the significance of the cooperation it sought from the PLO for the evacuation and its guarantee of safety out of western Beirut.

But American officials insisted that any cooperation with the PLO would not indicate a change in the U.S. opposition to the terrorist organization. This cooperation was necessitated, the officials insisted, only in order to ensure the safety of the evacuees.

The Israel Embassy in Washington was told about the planned evacuation last week, before it was announced.

Meanwhile, some American officials now believe that the PLO is in the process of disintegrating into various splinter groups, and that the overall authority of the terrorist organization appears to have collapsed. (UPI)

ANOTHER CEASE-FIRE CALL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Sudan yesterday issued another call for an immediate cease-fire in Lebanon and for negotiations with all the parties to resolve that country's 16-month civil war.

The appeal was made in a joint communique released at the end of a three-day summit conference held in Jeddah between Saudi Arabia's King Khalid, Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and Sudan's President Jaafar Numeiry. The three leaders demanded an immediate end to the fighting and all provocative acts to help pave the way to restoring peace.

The communique significantly omitted any mention of the Syrian intervention, to which Egypt was previously vigorously opposed.

agreed "to promote and intensify cooperation in all spheres for the sake of mutual solidarity and the higher interests of the Arab nation." Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Sudan were said to be strongly opposed to further penetration by the Soviets and their use of Libya's Muammar Gaddafi to stir up turmoil in the Arab world.

Before the Jeddah summit ended, it received a message from Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh appealing for help to check Libyan intervention in the civil war. He alleged that Libyan Premier Jalloud was inciting further unrest while disguising himself as mediator.

Franjeh reiterated his view that the conflict was basically between the Lebanese and the Palestinians.

Boosting French naval power in the Med.

By GILBERT SEDDON

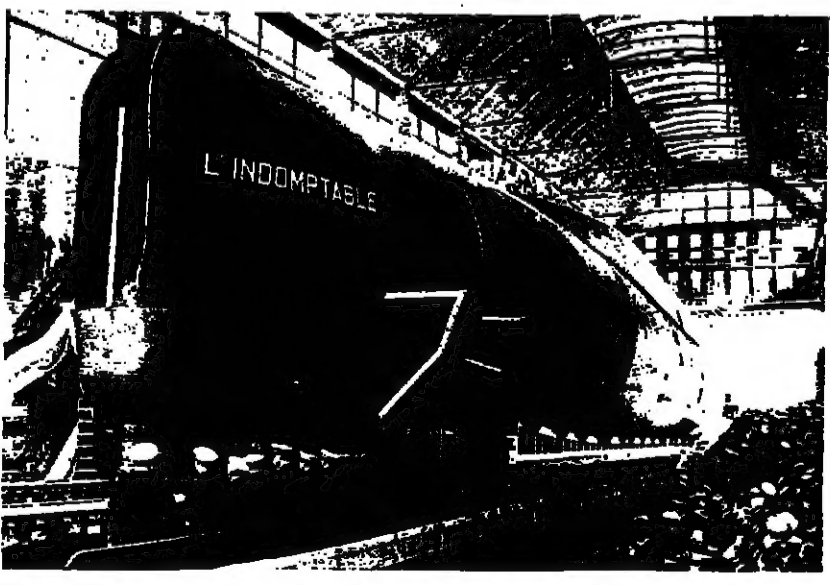
PARIS. — France is deploying its two aircraft carriers and one of its nuclear submarines into the Mediterranean in a bold attempt to match the U.S. and Soviet fleets in the area.

"France will soon have in the Mediterranean a fleet comparable to that of the U.S. and the Soviet Union," President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing said after a naval review held off the French Riviera as part of Bastille Day celebrations this month. "Half the naval tonnage in the world is concentrated in the Mediterranean, and we need conventional and modern forces capable of intervention, apart from the ultimate nuclear weapon," he added.

Defence Minister Yvon Bourges spelled out the government's policy when he said recently that France had an active role to play in the Mediterranean, "a vital part of the world which should not be left in the hands of the two Superpowers."

Giscard has decided to boost the French naval presence in the Mediterranean in the face of what French officials describe as the staggering Soviet naval build-up in the area. The Russians now have 78 warships in the Mediterranean, or twice the number of U.S. Sixth Fleet warships stationed there.

President Giscard pledged to double his country's Mediterranean fleet to 136,000 tons in the coming months. The French cannot match the two Superpowers in naval tonnage.



One of France's nuclear submarines, L'Indomptable, launched in 1974. (Afp)

But they are increasing their fire-power by assigning the 22,000-ton aircraft-carriers Clemenceau and Foch and detaching one of their nuclear-armed submarines fleet to the Mediterranean. They are also equipping carrier-borne aircraft with tactical nuclear missiles.

The French President sees the Mediterranean as the focal point of international relations revolving around two axes — the old East-

Mediterranean is at the point of intersection of these two axes," says Giscard. "France will face up to all its responsibilities in the area."

Giscard cannot be accused of introducing nuclear weapons into the Mediterranean because the Russians already have a nuclear submarine in the area, one official said.

The French Navy boasts some of the world's most modern units with heavy fire power, including Exocet sea skimmer missiles. But many French warships are ageing and some are due to be scrapped. That is why Giscard is assigning a nuclear submarine to enhance France's presence in the Mediterranean.

The French Navy has already proved to be a nuisance to the Soviet fleet. Soviet aircraft and submarines sneaking out of the eastern into the western Mediterranean have been chased by the French fleet air arm and submarines near Corsica, Morocco and Spain.

By 1985, the French Navy will include six nuclear submarines armed with multiple megaton warheads, 20 nuclear-powered attack submarines with conventional torpedoes, 30 corvettes for anti-submarine warfare, 35 frigates and cloops as well as the world's first nuclear-powered helicopter carrier. (Reuter)

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WATCHING THE KIEV

BRUSSELS. — Nato forces kept watch yesterday on the Soviet aircraft carrier Kiev as it headed for open water in the eastern Mediterranean. Nato strategists said the arrival of the 40,000-ton Kiev, the first Soviet aircraft carrier to sail through the Bosphorus into the Mediterranean, is unlikely to change the East-West military balance in the area, where Nato has overwhelming superiority. (Reuter)

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Safed	49	15-23	23	15
Haifa Port	62	22-28	28	22
Tiberias	40	22-34	34	22
Nazareth	46	15-28	28	15
Afula	50	20-31	31	20
Shomron	54	18-26	26	18
Tel Aviv	66	22-34	34	22
S.G. Airport	51	22-30	30	22
Jericho	36	28-34	34	28
Gaza	68	22-29	29	22
BeerSheva	43	20-30	30	20
Eilat	26	28-36	36	28
Tiran Straits	22	26-34	34	26

Social and Personal

Rabbi P. Roitman, member of the executive of the World Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, has been appointed a Knight of the Legion of Honour by the French government in appreciation of his activity in youth and social service work, and as a leader in the French Resistance during the Second World War.

A wood is to be planted in honour of outgoing Jewish National Fund chairman, Ya'acov Tsur and his wife, according to a decision yesterday by the organization's Board of Directors.

Parents support higher fees for school lunches

The Parents' Association not only is not protesting the proposed increase in the price of school lunches from IL60 to IL85 a month — it practically demanded it.

The Education Ministry's budget for the hot lunch programme has been "frozen" and the Ministry had thought of reducing or eliminating the programme. The Parents' Association, however, felt that even if 10 per cent of those children now receiving hot lunches were hurt by the cutbacks, this would be reason enough to maintain the scheme at its current level.

However, due to the budget freeze and rising prices, a substantial price rise was the only way to maintain the programme.

Since the parents pay for the lunches according to their income (when the cost was IL60 the minimum payment was IL6) local authorities must make up the difference. The combined cost to parents and local authorities will be IL110 a month this year, as compared to about IL85 last year.

The Union of Local Authorities, however, has protested the price rise.

Killed on first drive

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER

CARMIEL. — An Arab member of the el-Sawa'ad tribe in Galilee was killed here yesterday when he took over the wheel of a large truck although he had never driven before. Seeing that his employer had left the keys in the ignition.

Ma'adi Nawaf Sawa'ad, 35, started the truck's engine, and drove straight into a hut.

The truck owner was held pending investigation into whether he was guilty of negligence in leaving the keys in the truck.

The Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland and its Israel Office mourn the untimely passing of their beloved Director of Education

LEVI GERTNER

Deepest sympathy is extended by all his colleagues and friends to Mrs. Gertner and the family. The funeral took place yesterday in Haifa.

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM deeply mourns the passing of

LEVI GERTNER

pioneer of Jewish education in the United Kingdom recipient of the Hebrew University's Samuel Rothberg Prize in 1976 for Jewish education.

The unveiling of the tombstone and a memorial service in memory of

PESACH (PHILLIP) HABER

will take place on Wednesday, July 21, 1976, at 4.45 p.m. at Har Hamenuchot, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem. We will meet at the cemetery entrance.

Debi Haber and children Bracha Sanders

We mourn the passing of our dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

DORA WISNIA

formerly of Yokne'am

Children and Grandchildren

Mixed feelings greet pound's new linkage

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER

TEL AVIV. — Reactions to the latest Treasury step, linking the pound to a basket of currencies, were mixed yesterday.

Little influence was felt in the currency black market, where the dollar's rate rose a mere two agorot to IL9.67, and where there was little visible activity.

Investors, on the other hand, greeted the new system more enthusiastically, and placed increased demand on the Nafat investment dollar, which rose to a price of IL9.91 — 20 per cent higher than the official rate.

Most members of the financial community agreed that the "basket" formula will benefit Israel exports, which will not suffer as much from the strengthening of the dollar compared to European currencies — a process which raised the price of Israel-made goods when the pound was linked to the dollar alone.

Banking circles, however, complained that the fluctuating exchange rate of the dollar will cause a great deal more administrative work in handling foreign currency transactions.

One area of confusion remained over the price of airline tickets. The airlines association yesterday decided to charge ticket prices on the basis of each day's dollar exchange rate, as announced by the Bank of Israel, and not on the basis of the pound's value in the "basket" system. At the same time, however, they announced that individuals who purchased tickets before the latest devaluation two days ago will not be asked to pay the difference in price.

Ali didn't reply to Bloch appeal

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Daniel Bloch, the son of Dora Bloch, the hostage who was left behind in a Uganda hospital, said yesterday that he had received no reply from boxing champion Muhammad Ali to his appeal for help.

Bloch, who was returning to Israel last night from his wedding in New York, said that while he was in the U.S., he had contacted Negro personalities and organizations, and members of the Senate and Congress in his efforts to discover what had become of his mother.

Police sergeant charged with bribe-taking

TEL AVIV. — A veteran police sergeant was indicted in the District Court here yesterday on charges of conspiring to commit a felony, bribe-taking and breach of trust.

The indictment was issued against Reuven Buchman, 48, in the District Court.

Buchman, of the Police Department's Fraud Investigation Division, was charged with conspiring with Albert Mizrahi, whose company had come under investigation by the District Attorney's office, to steal the legal fee against Mizrahi from the office.

Mizrahi was allegedly advised by Buchman how to break into the office for this purpose, and Buchman was also prepared to help Mizrahi in this, according to the charge. In return, Buchman was to be given IL100,000 or a new car.

Rabin raps critics as 'false messiahs'

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Premier Yitzhak Rabin yesterday lashed out at "would-be Messiahs" who had emerged recently to "retroactively" discover that there was political rot in the country since the establishment of the State.

Rabin was addressing a conference of Labour Party members meeting to prepare for the party's national convention, to be held in September. His attack was obviously directed at Prof. Yigal Yadin, though Rabin did not mention him by name. (Yadin stated on Friday that the political system in Israel was thoroughly rotten.)

"Our democratic system is being challenged," Rabin told the party workers. "A period of Messianism has begun... Messiahs who suddenly discover rot everywhere. For 20 years all was quiet. Suddenly the rot was discovered going back to the time the State was established."

"There is much to correct in our democratic system, but Messianism will only destroy it. In the name of such Messianism, Jews paid too dearly throughout history. I mean the false Messiahs, and that is whom I referred to..."

Rabin also attacked Gush Emunim, for trying to "impose its

views rather than seek a decision through the ballot box."

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told the party members he had reason to believe that if Israel were suspended by the UN General Assembly, some friendly and important nations would "suspend themselves in solidarity."

Historical Secretary-general Yehoshua Meisel, urging party workers to step up registration and strengthen the Labour Party, was widely applauded when he told the Government: "Leave us alone with reforms. Implement the ones already introduced, and don't bother this nation with new ones every three months." He was speaking following a speech by Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, describing the Government's achievements.

Defence Minister Shimon Peres pointed to great national efforts still needed, giving the following facts and figures: "Israel's reserve forces today number the same as its entire Jewish population in 1948 (850,000)." He revealed that 62,000 labourers, researchers, physicians and other scientists were engaged daily in arms production. Israel produces IL6,500m. worth of arms per year, and the U.S. gave her IL50,000m.-IL60,000m. worth of arms since the Yom Kippur War, he said.

'Ammo' ship to sail by week's end

HAIFA. — The crew of the Greek ship intercepted by the Israeli navy a fortnight ago while carrying some 500 tons of ammunition to the terrorists in Lebanon said yesterday they "did not know" at which Lebanese port they were to have discharged the ammunition.

They confirmed only that they had been taking the ammunition from Egypt to Lebanon, and that their main engine had broken

down, forcing them to call for help. The Israeli navy boat which came to their aid brought them to Haifa, where the arms were discovered.

The repair of the ship, the Friendship I, is expected to be completed by the end of the week, when she is due to sail to Greece. The Greek consul in Haifa, ENI Zinovios, is dealing with the crew and the ship.

Students to oppose tuition fees hike with strike in the fall

By MARSHA POMERANTZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter

University students will strike this fall if the principles adopted by the Cabinet on Sunday are implemented, and tuition fees, no longer linked to the cost-of-living index, rise to a minimum of IL4,830.

The announcement came from Dabir Bergman, chairman of the National Students Union, at a Jerusalem press conference yesterday.

Noting that the tuition fee "floor" nearly doubles last year's fee, Bergman said the students would wage a campaign to expose waste of funds by universities for which the students were now being asked to compensate.

He offered three proposals for making more efficient use of the physical plants and staff:

- Have instructors increase their weekly class-hour load, now 6-8 hours, to 10-12 hours.
- To reduce dismissals and use buildings all year, institute a summer trimester and allow students to complete six trimesters and graduate in two years instead of three.
- Eliminate duplication of departments in different universities.

As for the Education Ministry's argument that university students should pay more than the maximum high school fee, Bergman said university students cannot usually depend on their families for support. They often have families of their own — and are not entitled to the income tax deductions permitted families of high school students.

He said that according to an earlier understanding, fees were to remain linked to the index until 1977, and then increased in a graduated scale according to students' ability to pay.

The Ministry failed to supervise many of the loans and scholarships given privately and they went to those whose hands were nearest the plate," he claimed. The neediest were taken care of, he said — it was the middle class which "had no more room for notches to tighten its belt."

The advisor to the Education Minister, Dr. Dan Ronen, said in explaining the Cabinet decision that the linkage system drawn up by the Agranat Committee in 1955 was no longer applicable. When the linkage started, the Education Ministry paid only 20 per cent of university costs; it now pays 80 per cent. Each student costs IL20,000.

The Ministry needed an additional IL100m. for higher education. There were 50,000 students, and an extra IL2,000 per student would make up the difference. Perhaps the universities could make up the sum in other ways, but since they were already firing teaching staff, he thought it was "not likely."

Regarding the third trimester proposal, he said the Ministry favoured it in principle, but thought it would be more, not less expensive. He doubted students would be able to finish their degree studies in two years.

Prostitutes make IL1,000 a day, criminologist says

The average streetwalker makes IL800-IL1,000 a day, Hebrew U. criminologist Dr. Menahem Amir said yesterday on radio's "About Numbers and People."

There are about 1,000 prostitutes known to the police and probation services, he said. Tel Aviv has 600-800, Jerusalem about 80, and Haifa, 40. Those in Jerusalem are largely minors.

Streetwalkers are paid between IL50-100 per client, and they may have 6-15 customers a day. "Better-class" prostitutes serve fewer men, hence make about IL8-IL10,000 a month, he said.

Contrary to popular belief, only about 15-20 per cent of the girls have pimp. Those that do are left with almost nothing from their earnings, Dr. Amir said to his listeners. (Ilim)

Turkish mission head: Doctor's arrest 'over-dramatized'

By DAVID LANDAU

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Turkish mission in Israel has complained bitterly at the "over-dramatization" in the Israeli press of an Israeli doctor's two-week mistaken imprisonment in a Turkish jail.

Turkish mission head Ahmed Akyamac told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that both the mission here and the authorities in Turkey had done all they could to clear up the mistake as quickly as possible. He charged that accounts of the doctor's imprisonment, as published in Israeli newspapers, were wildly exaggerated.

The doctor himself, Gavriel Kemaan of the Kaplan Hospital, acknowledged to *The Post*, meanwhile, that the threats and mistreatment to which he was subjected all took place during the first six hours of his imprisonment. For the remainder of the two-week period, he was held in the medical ward of the prison, in conditions which he described as "relatively good."

Kemaan said he was roughly handled during the initial admission, and that he was at first incarcerated with Arabs — who threatened to kill him. He was protected by one of the prisoners, and eventually extricated by the warders, who then transferred him to the medical section.

Kemaan was arrested for buying a pistol without a licence. He was released a fortnight later when the public prosecutor acknowledged in court that the doctor had bought the gun as an antique, not as a weapon.

Kemaan's case was immediately taken up by the Israeli consul-general and his staff, and they were allowed to visit him freely and frequently throughout his imprisonment. They also helped him retain a lawyer, who, according to Kemaan, failed to win bail, but succeeded in having him kept in the medical ward until the trial.

Officials in Jerusalem, who were kept briefed throughout the episode, said yesterday the Turkish authorities had behaved "properly."

The Turkish mission chief Mr. Akyamac heartily agreed. He said Dr. Kemaan's father-in-law, Dr. Rabau, had called on him in Tel Aviv soon after the arrest, and had quickly convinced him of the misunderstanding — whereupon he had set about convincing his government of it.

It was clear to him, Mr. Akyamac told *The Post*, that the incident was the result of a hapless error. However, by then the judicial process had begun — and it had to take its course. Once the case reached court, the prosecutor simply failed to return an indictment, and the charge was dismissed.

It was "fantastic nonsense" to believe, as some Israeli newspapers had reported, that Dr. Kemaan's wife was "whisked off" by El Al to Israel, thwarting the Turks' design to arrest her, too, Mr. Akyamac added. "This projects a terrible image of our authorities," the envoy said.

Dr. Kemaan himself told *The Post* that his wife had not wished to fly out without him, but he had insisted she should, and the El Al officials also urged her to do so.



Police yesterday released this identikit picture of the teenage Arab suspect in the Egged bus bombing on Sunday morning, which wounded 11 passengers. Security forces are questioning residents of the Triangle.

Katzir on tour of industries

YAVNE. — President Ephraim Katzir yesterday toured industrial plants here and in Beit Shemesh as guest of the Manufacturers' Association.

In the course of the day, the President visited Yavne's Argaman cloth and fibre-dyeing factory. He was guided through the plant by the chairman of its board of directors, Avraham Kalir, who pointed out that it employs 800 workers and is considered one of the largest enterprises of its kind in the world.

Earlier, the President visited the Beit Shemesh Engines works in the Judean hill-towns. He was greeted by plant owner, Joseph Shidlovsky, who has similar works in France.

The factory's manager, Aharon Nahshon, informed the guest that the plant was now capable of producing all categories of aircraft engines. (Ilim)

IN THE KNESSET ILP, NRP baulk at health law

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Independent Liberals Knesset faction yesterday decided unanimously to vote against the National Health Insurance Law, even if this should precipitate a Coalition crisis.

There is no room for the ILP in a Coalition which sponsors the Health law in its present format, the faction decided. The law will lead to a waste of money by preventing the National Insurance Institute from collecting dues in a centralized manner, and it will in effect prevent citizens from choosing their sick funds freely.

The faction still has to submit its decisions to the Independent Liberal Party executive meeting in Tel Aviv this week. The executive is certain to approve them.

It is not clear whether the Health Law will return from Committee to the plenum for the second and third readings before the Knesset recess for the summer at the end of next week.

Yesterday, the National Religious Party Knesset faction, which was believed to have been committed to supporting the law, suddenly decided to air objections to it. It demanded that the Alignment delay the second and third readings of the bill until after the summer recess, warning that otherwise it would vote against it in Committee as well as in the plenum.

These protests from the ILP and the NRP are expected to provoke a storm in Ma'ariv, whose Health Minister Victor Shemtov and whose Public Services Committee chairman Chaima Grossman are committed to the legislation.

The Coalition executive, faced with these sharp stresses and strains, decided last night to invite Premier Yitzhak Rabin at the first opportunity to try and shape a common stand on the Health law. (Leader - Page 10)

Guard duty at schools 'meaningless'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

School buildings are not being properly guarded, Genia Cohen (Likud) charged in the Knesset yesterday.

She was commenting on a Government-backed amendment to the Emergency Regulations, extending for another year the obligation of parents to guard their children's schools, and making pupils over 16 years old eligible for guard duty too.

Basing her claim on personal investigation and conversations with school principals, Mrs. Cohen declared, "Our schools are wide open to attacks by terrorists from without and vandals from within. Extension of the present school guard regulations does not answer the needs of the hour."

"This fact is an open secret —

known to every school administrator and every potential terrorist. Only the Ministry of Education seems ignorant of this fact, and insists upon hiding its head in the ground, like an ostrich."

According to Mrs. Cohen, the present method of school guard duty by parents — without use of arms and only during daylight — is "meaningless" since it serves as a deterrent purpose.

Mrs. Cohen proposed that daytime school guards include 11th and 12th graders, in addition to parents, and that all carry arms and ammunition.

As for the nighttime, the civil guard should assign special tours of guard duty to school buildings. Finally, each and every school and kindergarten building in the country should be equipped with an electronic warning system.

KNESSET BRIEFS

EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION must do more to produce programmes on Jewish and Zionist themes, the Knesset Education Committee decided yesterday in its recommendations on a motion of Genia Cohen (Likud).

LEVEL CROSSINGS must be eliminated in built-up areas and the construction costs must be borne by all the Government departments involved — Transport, Housing, Interior, Lands Administration, the Economic Committee decided yesterday, in its recommendations on a motion of David Coren (Alignment-Labour), arising out of a fatal accident at a Nabariya level crossing earlier this year.

MARSHA FREEDMAN (Independent Socialist) yesterday called on her bid to get the House Committee to remove her parliamentary immunity so that she can stand trial along with the feminist demonstrators who broke into the gynaecologists' conference at the Tel Aviv Hilton last month.

THE APPOINTMENT of an Arab jurist to the Supreme Court, was suggested yesterday by Likud leader Menahem Begin. The proposal was made during the course of a discussion by the party's Knesset faction, according to Kol Israel.

20 MKS who reside in Tel Aviv yesterday joined the Civil Guard and issued an appeal at a meeting in the Knesset for the maximum number of citizens to volunteer. The MKs hail from the Alignment, the Likud, the NRP, Moked, CRM and the Independent Socialists.

RETAIL STORES would be closed every Tuesday afternoon after two p.m. under a private members bill tabled yesterday by Yedidia Be'eri (Likud-Liberals).

THE KNESSET Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee met yesterday to discuss Soviet policy in the Middle East. The discussion was launched by Dr. Galla Golan, head of the Hebrew University's Soviet and East European research centre.

BORDER RESIDENTS should not have to pay for their shelters or reinforced rooms, the Knesset Labour Committee urged unanimously yesterday, in a recommendation to the Cabinet Ministers' Economic Committee. A 1974 decision charges the residents a certain sum on this account.

Israeli 3rd in int'l yacht race

BARRINGTON, Rhode Island. — Steve Taylor of the U.S. won yesterday's 420 class cup on Saturday after races that left the order of other finishers in doubt.

The scoring committee and those who thought they had won showed up at the Barrington Yacht Club's launching area for the awards on Saturday night only to find that a protest about the lack of a protest meant all the results had to be recalculated.

Only Taylor, who went into the final race within a point of winning, was assured of his victory.

Unofficial observers reported that others in the top six seemed to be, in no particular order: Peter Melvin, also of the U.S., Shimon Brokman of Haifa, Israel, and Jean-Michel Ruiss, Yannick Follet and Alain Chourgnon, all of France.

IL17 increase in second payment for TV, radio

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Radio and television licence fees will increase by eight per cent — or about IL17 — in the second payment of this year, with the addition of VAT on the fee. This was approved on Sunday by the ministerial economic committee.

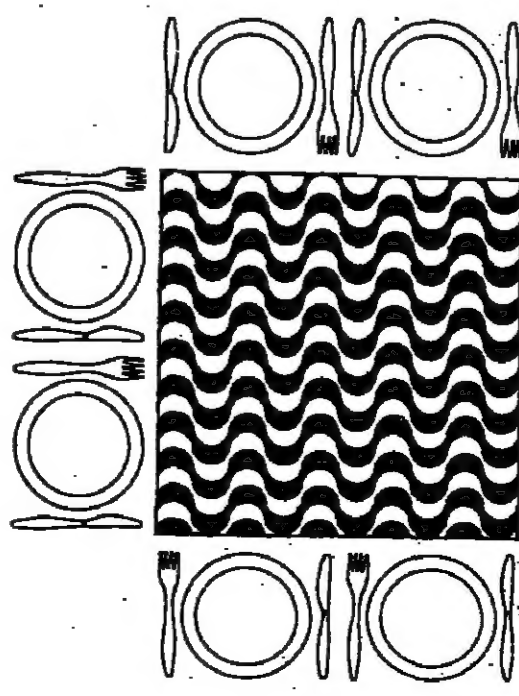
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Director of Purchasing and Supply Division Ministry of Communications

Supermarkets busy as grocers strike

By AARON SKITNEE

Jerusalem's supermarkets were busier than usual yesterday as hundreds of small grocery shops shut down for the day. Their action was in protest against the new regulations requiring them to keep books, for purposes of Value Added Tax compliance and income tax reform.

"The strike is a complete success," organizer Abraham Birnbaum, secretary of the Jerusalem Merchants Association, told *The Jerusalem Post* late in the afternoon. "Fortunately, the public was not too inconvenienced. On Friday, I told Tnuva and the large bakers to prepare for the shutdown. So extra shipments of milk, eggs and bread were delivered on Sunday, and many housewives stocked up."

"But things will be tougher for shoppers if the Treasury forces us to take stronger measures, such as a week-long shutdown. That's what we will call for, unless Finance Minister Rabinowitz rescinds his unreasonable demand upon a hard-working, unsophisticated class of merchants."

The grocers claim they are too overworked and harried to devote an hour or two each night to maintaining books of account.

A Post reporter calling at the Merchants Association offices yesterday found a table, cluttered with their plight. One of them was Yair Cohen, who operates a shop on Re-

hov Herbert Samuel.

"What do they want from my life?" he pleaded. "How can I keep books when I don't even write or speak Hebrew? I can't even if I did know Hebrew — I still would be beset by all kinds of problems."

He explained that as a downtown shop most of his customers were secretaries from nearby office buildings who come to purchase cold soft drinks, sugar, tea bags and instant coffee.

"As a result of this — VAT the girls started to demand receipts for all their purchases, so they can deduct the tax they paid from their income tax returns. Who has the time or patience to assist customers and start writing out receipts?"

Another grocer, Nissan Cohen of Talpuz East, charged: "The Government wants to wipe us all out of business and leave the market open exclusively to the self-service shops and supermarkets."

Yesterday's shutdown appeared to have been requested by Jerusalem's Orthodox rabbis, who in some cases, milk and bread trucks were seen outside the shuttered shops, with the drivers selling their commodities to housewives.

In a telegram to the Merchants Association, the Union of Tiberias Businessmen congratulated the association on the action and hinted that Orthodox shopkeepers — both in the food and non-food sectors — consider similar action.

'We don't have time to record each item'

By SHOSHANA BERNBAUM

Grocery store owners Menahem and Hanna Gross admitted yesterday that they were enjoying the one-day respite from work. The constant pressure of supplying the customer's demands



LOCKED OUT — a would-be shopper reads the strike notice outside a grocer's in Jerusalem's Rehov Palmah. (Rahamim Israeli)

in their Bayit Vegan store, was "a strain on strength and patience."

But Hanna supports the grocer's strike for reasons other than a welcome rest. "We work with staple products such as milk and bread, and don't have time to write down each small item sold," she said. Our business depends largely on impatient early morning customers who don't tolerate the delay needed for writing down every sum. As it is, Super and Shekem took away all our "big" customers. If we frustrate the present small item buyers, they too will go elsewhere."

It takes an extra hour to write up the day's accounts, claimed Menahem Gross. A cash register would help, but his own accountant (whom he pays some IL500 yearly) told him that were he to use one, he would charge him an extra IL4,000 a month "just to manage it."

But how could the government control a grocer's tax payments without book keeping? Hanna answered that the authorities knew "roughly, though not down to the last grush" how much they made. All the large concerns (Tnuva, bakeries) kept receipts which the tax inspectors checked up on. And if that wasn't enough, they sometimes even send "tax detectives" to hang around the shop for several hours making an independent estimate on their profits per day. If the new regulations were designed to trip up the tax evaders, they would not succeed — the evaders would find a new way of cheating.

Conventions for the Capital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's central position in national life is to be bolstered under a government proposal requiring that all government-sponsored conventions and other functions of national and international importance, be held in the capital.

Justice Minister Haim Zadok, chairman of the ministerial com-

mittee on Jerusalem, said last night he would ask the committee to adopt the proposal which would also make governmental financial support of events such as fashion or metal-work weeks, conditional on their taking place in Jerusalem.

The government would also attempt to persuade the Histadrut and Jewish Agency to adopt a similar position.

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Reali school pupils covering track slopes with stones to prevent erosion. (Barak)

Youngsters helping build initial stage from Oron to Har Zin Eilat railway to cost IL550m.

By YA'ACOV ARDON

HAIFA. — If work on the standard gauge railway to Eilat and Sdom were to begin today, it would cost, at current prices, about IL550m, according to a report by the Railways management.

(The Ministerial Economic Committee on Sunday gave the go-ahead for a survey to be made for building the railway.)

It would take up to six years to build the 240 km line, consisting of a 208 km section from Har Zin south to Eilat and another, 32 km long, north and down to the Dead Sea. The Railway report says, The Transport Ministry is currently building the 34 km track from Oron (the present railroad) to Har Zin, the site of extensive phosphate deposits. When the line from Oron is completed at the end of

next year, Har Zin will be the railroad.

The railway's economic calculation is based on the production and export forecasts of the Dead Sea and the Negev Phosphates Company for 1982. Besides potash, bromides and phosphates, the new line would also carry general cargo, mainly in containers, between Eilat and points north of it, in both directions. The total freight volume for 1982 is put at 3.4m. tons, but the break-even point would be 2.25m. tons a year.

This calculation does not take into account some other goods the Railways expect to carry, such as coal, salt, land-bridge cargoes between Haifa or Ashdod and Eilat, scrap-metal, which could increase the freight volume by 60 per cent if the Suez Canal were opened for

transit cargo to and from Israel, and by 100 per cent if the Canal were not opened. In a study by the Friedrich List Society of Basel, Swiss economists reported the whole project as viable.

Meanwhile, high school pupils are enthusiastically helping in the construction of the Oron-Har Zin line through the desert. Responding to a suggestion that they should "adopt" the trans-Negev line, two groups of 150 Reali School pupils, spent a week in June covering the sloping surfaces of the track bed with stones to prevent erosion by wind and rain.

"They more than doubled the output we expected from them," according to general manager Zvi Tsafiri, who proposed the idea as a challenge to youngsters here and abroad. The youngsters were quar-

tered and fed at Sde-Boker, by courtesy of the Gadi Command, got up at 3 in the morning and worked until 11 a.m.

"We expect more youth groups next month, in August, half from Israel high schools and half from overseas, brought here under the auspices of the Jewish Agency's Youth and Rehahut Department," Tsafiri said.

He believes that people abroad would be likely to invest in the Eilat line as a promising investment, both on the basis of rising consumption figures for fertilizers, and as a tribute to Israel's enterprise and spirit. "If a railway line across the desert can fire the imagination of our youngsters, it will also set alight that of youngsters abroad and their parents," Tsafiri told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Agudat Israel elections marked by acrimony, threats

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

TEL AVIV. — Generations old divisions between Hassidim and *mitnagdim*, and rivalries among the Hassidic courts themselves, are among the features of today's elections in the ultra-orthodox Agudat Israel Party.

Some 18,000 men — but no women — have the franchise in the first elections held in that party in almost a third of a century. There are no ideological issues at stake. Publications in the party's newspaper "Hamodia" all showed a striking resemblance to each other.

The Wizhnitz Hassidim (and other immigrants from Rumania and Hungary) are the backbone of Rabbi Shlomo Gross' support. But the Gur Hassidim who have slightly different traditions, back Rabbi Yehuda Abramovitz. Students and graduates of Lithuanian yeshivot — the traditional mitnagdim — support Rabbi Shlomo Lorincz, while the old community in Jerusalem forms the hard core of Rabbi Menahem Porush's backing. The other lists include the Sionim Hassidim, oriental Jews, immigrants from Germany and Bokara Jews.

The factions have published long lists of rabbinical endorsements, an essential feature in this society. "In no place (in the religious scriptures) is it written you've got to have a democracy," a prominent party member said in an interview. "It's a law of God. You don't need elections. The rabbis should decide," he added.

But conflicts among party leaders have necessitated elections. Last

November Rabbi Porush was forced to quit his seat in the Knesset in favour of Rabbi Gross. Porush controls some 10 per cent of the votes in senior Agudat Israel institutions, but claimed he deserved more. So he pressed for elections.

Agudat Israel members in Europe and America, appalled by the acrimony accompanying the transfer of the Knesset seat, told their colleagues here they will not be able to raise money abroad unless elections are held, a well-informed source said.

Elections are important for another reason: charity funds and other financial institutions belong to various factions, not to the party as a whole.

The institutions headed by Knesset members will eventually be better off because "it's easier to collect money abroad when you carry the title of Knesset Member" a well-informed party source told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The fact that there have been no elections since 1944, and the absence of public opinion polls meant that candidates had fewer indications of how much public backing they really had. This — some Agudat Israel sources agreed — has made the campaign more bitter.

Party sources accused adversaries of threatening candidates they will be out of pocket by losing teaching posts unless they step down. Forgery and payoffs were also alleged. "It's my worst nightmare I wouldn't have imagined that people in the Agudat Israel camp will try to win votes through monetary payoffs," Lorincz said in an interview to his faction's paper "Digienu."

Jewish film festival in J'lem in October

By SIMSON CARLEBAUGH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Film stars, film producers, directors and distinguished personalities in cinema and television from around the world will participate in the first World Jewish Film and Television Festival to be held in Jerusalem this October, it was announced yesterday.

About 1,000 professional delegates from 30 countries are expected to take part in the week-long affair which, like every other film festival, will be one long week of showings and exhibitions on the outside, but a marketplace of buying and selling on the inside.

President Ephraim Katzir will head the "Committee of Honour," which will also include Kirk Douglas, Simone Signoret, Michelle Morgan, and Danny Kaye. Award-winners will receive prizes on the final, televised, "Gala Night" of the Festival.

This will be the first regular film festival devoted exclusively to Jewish subjects, and it is aimed primarily at television networks. It is expected to become a biannual event.

A panel of television and film experts from Britain, France, Israel, and the U.S. met in Jerusalem last week and selected about 60 films — out of more than 150 submitted from 15 countries — to officially compete before the festival jury, which will convene at the Jerusalem Theatre from October 24-30.

The Festival will consist of three parts: film screenings and the official competition; a symposium programme designed to meet the ideological needs of Jewish communities in modern mass-communications terms; and an exhibition of audio-visual equipment and facilities.

Television features and film documentaries about Jewish life, Jewish history, or Israel, are eligible for the competition. Cinema features will be shown outside the framework of the official competition.

The Festival may introduce a supplementary special award of \$50,000 for the film or television programme which best portrays the concept of common understanding among the peoples historically associated with the Holy Land. The organizers of the Festival hope that this will encourage film making on the subject.

The Festival is conceived and directed by Melville Mark, originator of the Montreux "Golden Rose" Television Festival, now entering its 16th year in Switzerland. Funding for the Jerusalem event has been provided by a group of Canadian businessmen headed by Herschel Segal of Montreal, Canada.

The festival is not open to the public since entertainment tax will not be levied on films arriving in the country for screening.

50 WORKS by 'sixties and 'seventies Americans such as Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns went on view at Jerusalem's Israel Museum on Sunday in honour of the

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv University

has won a two-day reprieve from

more than 1,500 administrative em-

ployees who were to launch a general

strike this morning over wage

demands. The strike was postponed

at the university's request.

Administrative employees are de-

manding the 2.5 per cent salary

hike awarded to civil servants. Sanc-

tions and labour disputes have been

declared on several campuses but

the Tel Aviv labour council is the

first to threaten a general strike,

claiming that the Tel Aviv Univer-

sity works agreement has the most

explicit linkage to all benefits

awarded civil servants.

Along with the other universities

Tel Aviv University refused to sign

the agreement on the wage raises

reached between the Government

and Histadrut.

The university maintains that

drastic curtailments in the Govern-

ment's real contribution to the uni-

versity budget have forced it to

tighten its belt. It already had to

close down one department (Devel-

oping countries) and it cannot af-

ford salary hikes now. The Educa-

tion Ministry made no allotment for

the increases.

Dov Ben Meir, chairman of the

labour council, charged that "never

has the Histadrut heard such ex-

cuses from employers in the public

sector."

If a strike does break out, it

could disrupt the processing of ap-

plications for admission for the

coming academic year.

U.S. Bicentennial. Others represented

are Robert Indiana, Roy Lich-

tenstein, Claes Oldenburg, Larry

Rivers and Tatiana Grossman; Mrs.

Grossman donated 11 works.

Christians to fete Elijah

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

HAIFA. — The Christian communities will today celebrate the Feast of Mar Elias (The Prophet Elijah) at the Stella Maris monastery of the Carmelite Order, on Mt. Carmel. The annual fete is celebrated on July 20, corresponding with the Hebrew month of Tammuz.

Brother Elias of the monastery, who has studied religious origins, says the date is linked with the ancient Feast of Tammuz, the summer festival of the god Tammuz, which originated in Mesopotamia. The Assyrian god, identified also with the Greek Adonis, was considered the god of decay and growth, dying in the summer as the sun sears the fields and reviving in the rainy season.

Dozens of celebrants have been camping out around the monastery since the weekend, and thousands are expected today from all over the country. Stalls for the sale of

food and sweetmeats have been put up and the feast is taking on a fair atmosphere.

The main religious event of the day will be a Mass at 10 a.m. by Archbishop Maximus Saloun, Head of the Greek Catholic community. It will be held in the monastery chapel, which contains a small cave which the Christians believe is the Cave of Elijah. This is where Elijah is said to have lived on Carmel, when he wrote the Prophets of the Bible. There will be prayers throughout the day, lighting of candles and baptism of babies, some of whom will be named Elias.

Jews celebrate the Feast of Elijah, "The Prophet of Consolation," on August 8 with the traditional pilgrimage to the "Jewish" Elijah's Cave farther down on the Carmel. The pilgrimage takes place every year on the first day after "the Sabbath of Consolation" — following the Fast of Tisha be'Av.

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Italians denounce West Viking set to land on Mars today

ROME. — Premier-designate Giulio Andreotti sought support from the leaders of Italy's powerful trade union yesterday in his efforts to win support for formation of a new government headed by his Christian Democratic Party.

Andreotti's meeting with the leaders of the country's three major unions was a critical moment in a reported decision by the U.S. West Germany, France and Britain to withhold aid to Italy if the Communist Party is given cabinet posts in the new government.

Andreotti scheduled the meeting with the labour leaders to explain his party's plans for curbing the sick Italian economy, which has been suffering from an annual inflation rate of more than 20 per cent and unemployment of about seven per cent.

He planned a meeting with the leaders of Italy's major political parties tomorrow in a second attempt to draw up a coalition accord that would allow formation of the nation's 39th government since the fall of fascism during World War II.

The coalition negotiations were complicated by West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's statement in the U.S. that Washington, Bonn, Paris and London had agreed at last month's Puerto Rico summit not to help out Italy with a joint loan should communists take cabinet

seats in the next government.

The Schmidt statement was one of the subjects discussed at a meeting between Communist Party secretary Enrico Berlinguer and Socialist secretary Bettino Craxi.

"We were in accord in giving a very critical, negative evaluation in the face of this type of inadmissible pressure against our country," Berlinguer said of Schmidt's statement following the meeting with Craxi.

Both the Communists and Socialists have been demanding a Communist Party role in governing the country following its gains in the June 20-21 national elections.

The Washington-backed Christian Democrats have ruled out a formal power-sharing agreement with the Communists, saying they must be kept in the opposition.

Meanwhile all three main Italian political parties were critical of outgoing premier Aldo Moro's response to the threat to withhold aid loans. Moro headed the Italian delegation at the Puerto Rico meeting.

A top Communist official said Moro should have "defended his country's honour" against "blackmail."

Moro's office issued a statement yesterday in which Moro denied having attended "unofficial meetings" at which decisions on aid to Italy might have been discussed. (AP, UPI)

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. — Viking's landing craft passed its last test in Martian orbit yesterday and appeared ready to land this morning in a desert basin on the northern face of Mars.

The lander will touch down gently on the dusty Martian surface at 2:12 p.m., three hours and 10 minutes after it is automatically detached from the orbiting mother ship.

As scientists "woke up" the unmanned craft yesterday, they found everything in fine working order for the craft's historic descent to the face of Mars.

"The test has gone by the book," said a spokesman at Jet Propulsion Laboratory here. "The first look (at the craft's cameras and experimental equipment) went as everyone had expected."

A box about the size of a car battery is the most important of the experimental equipment aboard the unmanned lander. The box contains miniature laboratories equipped to carry on sophisticated life-searching experiments on the planet.

Minutes after it lands, Viking will send back two pictures. The first will be of the ground beneath the lander showing the impact the saucer-like pods on its legs made at touchdown. The second will be a panorama of the surrounding surface.



The liner "France," anchored in a side-channel of Le Havre port, is seen across a field of dried mud caused by the drought which has hit large parts of Europe. (AP wirephoto)

Freakish weather continues to play havoc with crops

The weather is playing havoc with people and crops in various parts of the world.

The drought situation for farmers in North-Central Europe is "extremely serious and in certain regions downright catastrophic," a Common Market official said yesterday in Brussels.

Sir Henry Plumb, Chairman of the Committee of Agricultural Organizations in the European Community (Copa), made the assessment after a tour of farming areas of West Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

The area, along with France, Switzerland and Britain, has had little if any rainfall for several months.

In Mexico, however, unusually heavy storms have been sweeping the country from north to south for two weeks, devastating the coastal states of Tamaulipas and Guanajuato and causing damage in nine other states.

An estimated 120 persons have

been killed in the floods, and some 220,000 persons have been left homeless.

The rain stopped Sunday in most of the stricken areas. But the Panuco river, swollen by 14 days of heavy rain, continued to threaten Gulf Coast areas. The Panuco was reported 6 to 7 metres above normal level Saturday in towns about 80 kms. upstream from the coast.

More than 75,000 people have already fled 13 communities in the stricken areas.

In Japan, three persons died, eight were injured and 73 houses were destroyed as heavy rains accompanying a typhoon with 90 mile-per-hour winds lashed the country yesterday.

In the Valais Alps, eight alpinists were killed in mountain accidents Sunday as freak weather struck most of western Switzerland. In one incident, winds of up to 100 kms. per hour hampered rescue efforts. (UPI, AP)

Angola looking for genuine neutrality

By CARYLE MURPHY

The Washington Post

LISBON. — Even though the Angolan Government's staunchest ally was and is the Soviet Union, there are indications that the Russians are less than totally happy with Angolan President Agostinho Neto and his nonaligned foreign policy.

Officials are apprehensive that Neto "will pull a Sadat," referring to the Egyptian leader's abrupt turn to the West, and break his ties with Moscow.

Many U.S. and Portuguese government officials believe that the Russians encouraged pro-Soviet members of the Angolan Government who oppose an opening of relations with the West and who want closer ties with the USSR.

This current slackness of the relationship between Neto and the Soviets, who gave about \$300m. in military aid to his ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) during the civil war there, presents the U.S. with an opportunity to bring Neto closer to the West and to reinforce his strength within the Government.

A U.S. State Department official hinted that such a course is being followed. He confirmed that communications with Neto's government are going on through intermediaries.

The U.S. has demanded withdrawal of the Cubans now serving in Angola as a condition for American recognition. Neto has indicated that the Cubans will leave as soon as his armed forces can control Angola, but increasing guerrilla activity by a rival Angolan movement, UNITA, is making this difficult.

The only Western countries with which Angola has agreed to open diplomatic relations are Brazil and Sweden. Sweden has been an ally of the Popular Movement since the early 1960s and Brazil recognized the Popular Movement's government when Angola became independent from Portugal last year.

The Angolan government has not yet responded to other Western

countries' requests for exchange of diplomats. Some observers attribute their slowness to the power of an anti-West group, encouraged by the Soviets, within the Neto government.

Foreign Minister Jose Eduardo dos Santos, who spent time in Moscow and has a Russian wife, is considered one of the principals of this group. Some observers in the Portuguese government give dos Santos responsibility for the recall of the Portuguese diplomatic representative from Luanda in April, which led to a rupture in relations.

Another figure in the pro-Soviet group, according to State Department sources, is thought to be Nito Alves, 25, minister of interior administration.

Alves returned from the Soviet Communist Party's 25th congress in March with overflowing enthusiasm for the Soviet Union, and led an attempt to radicalize Angola's internal politics that included an attack on the middle class.

Neto has called for the unity of all classes within Angola for a task of national reconstruction. The top governing body of the government, the revolutionary council, severely criticized Alves and warned him to keep his speeches more in line with official policy.

The Soviets may have encouraged Alves and dos Santos because they would be more malleable than Neto, whose main personality trait is a proud independence that makes it difficult for him to take orders.

According to one report circulating in Luanda, Angola's capital, Neto told the Soviets he intends to pay them back for the military hardware they gave his movement and they should make out a bill for it. This is being interpreted as an attempt on Neto's part to avoid dependence on the Soviet Union and free him to deal with the West.

But to pay that tremendous bill, Angola desperately needs capital and technology for its economic development. And the market for Angola's three major money earners is in the West, which buys its coffee, oil and diamonds.

HUNT FOR LIFE

The bug-like miniaturized lander bristles with gadgets to test the weather and atmosphere on Mars. Inside the vehicle is a biological laboratory, designed to detect traces of life, past or present.

Experiments to test Mars' temperatures, air pressure, the gases of its atmosphere, wind speed and wind direction will begin almost immediately.

But the big excitement comes eight days later when the spacecraft reaches out a three-metre arm and scoops up a sample of Martian soil for tests seeking clues about the presence of organic matter.

What space scientists hope to see in the first pictures sent back is that the legs of the landing craft have settled down into a soft dust-like surface.

They believe that the soil there was once brought down by streams from the planet's highlands and could be rich in organic matter.

Geologist Harold Masursky, leader of the team which selected Viking's landing site, says photographs taken from the orbiting Viking show that the planet's surface has been cut up by floods much more violent than any known on earth.

The previous existence of this water — and the suspected presence of ice still under the surface — is one of the reasons why some scientists are hopeful about finding signs of life.

The soil scooped up from the surface will be dropped into a suitcase-sized piece of equipment for experiments. In one, a sample will be mixed with nutrients — nicknamed "chicken-soup" — and the results carefully analysed to see what changes have occurred.

If there is or ever was life on Mars, these experiments are given a good chance of showing it. (AP, UPI)

Vorster-Kissinger talks "speculation"

JOHANNESBURG. — The South African Government yesterday refused to confirm reports that Prime Minister John Vorster would hold a second round of talks with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger within six weeks.

A foreign affairs department statement dismissed the reports as "pure speculation."

The "Rand Daily Mail" yesterday quoted unnamed sources as saying arrangements were made for the meeting last week. Vorster and Kissinger held talks last month in West Germany on the situation in Southern Africa.

A spokesman did confirm that South African ambassador to the U.S. and the UN, R.F. "Pip" Botha, had been meeting Vorster and foreign affairs minister Hilgard Mulder in Pretoria. But he described these talks as "normal consultations."

3,000 labourers plug up breach in German levee

LUENEBURG, West Germany. — Floodwaters which had surged through a breached levee here on Sunday, were finally stemmed yesterday. Three thousand men, working all through Sunday night, managed to block an inland canal whose waters had inundated more than 100 houses as well as roads and railroad tracks.

The emergency crews used several hundred automobile wrecks, 50,000 sandbags and a ship, to plug the 20-metre hole in the new Elbe Side canal opened in this North German town only a month ago. Six million cubic metres of water had poured

through the breach before it was plugged. There was no loss of life in the flooding.

Authorities said yesterday the entire waterway will be closed to traffic for the next six months while permanent repairs are made.

The Elbe Side canal is an important new waterway that connects the Elbe river north of Luenburg with another canal at Wolfsburg in the south. Authorities speculated the breach was the result of a long summer heat wave that dried up the levee and cause it to crumble. (UPI, AP)

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Maoist group and Basques blamed for bombs in Spain

MADRID. — Spanish officials say they suspect that the Basque Separatist Organization ETA and a Maoist urban guerrilla group known as FRAP worked together in the wave of terrorist bombings across Spain Sunday. Seven persons were injured in the blasts, principally at government buildings.

An extreme leftist organization claimed responsibility for attacks in Galicia, northwestern Spain. Leaflets distributed in Galicia, signed by a group calling itself the "Antifascist Resistance of October the First," said yesterday: "Fighting has started to eliminate the army, the police and fascist laws and institutions."

The group was described by political circles as a new Maoist-inspired Communist body. They said its membership is small and especially active in Madrid, Barcelona

and other large centres here.

It was October 1, 1975 that the separatist groups began armed attacks in which more than 20 police were killed in a few weeks.

Twenty-seven bombs exploded in six major cities over the weekend. Political sources said they expected an angry reaction from right-wingers who are already cool to the democratization plans of King Juan Carlos and his young government.

The attacks Sunday were the first since the new government of Premier Adolfo Suarez took office 11 days ago. Juan Carlos is expected to grant amnesty to an estimated 400 of the country's 600 political prisoners on July 25, Spain's patron saint day.

Excluded from the amnesty would be prisoners serving terms for terrorism. (AP, UPI)

New anti-Semitic attack in France PLO leader says Assad must go

MARSEILLE, France. — A bomb was found and defused in a Marseille synagogue yesterday only three days after a pro-Nazi group hurled a grenade into a nearby Jewish community centre.

The bomb, consisting of three sticks of dynamite wired to a timing mechanism, was discovered by a synagogue employee. Police evacuated the synagogue while demolition experts dismantled the bomb.

The grenade attack Friday night which caused damage but no casualties was launched by the "Joachim Peiper group."

Peiper, 62, who at 29 had been a colonel of Hitler's elite SS troops, disappeared last week at the same time his house was burned down in eastern France. Police experts have yet to decide whether the calculated human remains found in the ruins were Peiper's.

A telephone caller said a forthcoming reception being given by the Israeli consul general at two Marseille hotels at 6 p.m. Friday will be bombed unless the reception is cancelled.

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The No. 2 man in Fatah, Abu Iyad, says that the government of Syrian President Assad must be overthrown before there can be any hope of resolving the crisis in Lebanon.

Abu Iyad, whose real name is Salah Khafat, told the "New York Times" in an interview: "The Syrians will not withdraw voluntarily (from their positions in Lebanon). They will force us to fight in the mountains east of Beirut. But the mountain battle will be their last card."

"Personally I believe that the fall of President Assad's regime is a necessity. There will always be a struggle between him and us. Sometimes this struggle will be out in the open. Sometimes there will be political maneuvering."

"Our basic link with the Assad regime was shattered by the first bullet his army fired at us..."

TRIALS. — The Polish Government yesterday announced that it would put on trial an additional six workers for their participation in public protests against proposed government food price hikes rescinded in June. (AP, UPI)

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Joan Nathan, co-author of "The Flavour of Jerusalem," enjoys a cup of coffee on the opening day of The Cafe at Beit Maskit. (Barzilay)

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS / Joanna Yehiel

The cafe at Beit Maskit

THE HOUSE of Maskit (Beit Maskit) just off Jerusalem's Jaffa Road is one of the Capital's most delightful shops; whenever one goes in, there is some new selection of things for sale, be it clothes, ceramics, jewellery or even fabric remnants, all attractively arranged. Even the lavatories are well-designed and spacious and always clean.

Now there's another reason to pay a visit to the store — an outdoor cafe in the walled courtyard behind the shop, complete with sun umbrellas (matched by the cushion covers and aprons of the student waiters and waitresses) in Maskit's own exclusive summer patterned prints. About 18 months ago, when Maskit opened its new premises in the Capital, its manager, Francine Friedman, had told me she planned to open a summer-time cafe in the garden; it's taken that much time to get off the ground, but the wait was well worth it.

For a start — the food; this is a cafe where the cakes and biscuits are as important as the coffee itself. Francine commanded a friend, Judy Goldman, author of "The Flavour of Jerusalem" cookery book, to come and get the cafe going, "on a consultant basis," Judy told me. "I've been commuting from Tel Aviv for the past few weeks." Some of the cakes ("orange rum-soak cake" and ice-creams ("chocolate-almond velvet") come straight out of the recipe book (and who could resist them, with names like that?) Others are their makers' own inventions. Who are the cooks? They are Jerusalem residents, who answered

an advertisement for cake-makers, and who make delicious items like "banana chocolate-flake loaf cake" or "cinnamon coffee cake" or "pecan butterscotch bun" in their own homes, and bring them to the cafe in the morning.

How did Judy choose who's a good enough cook? "We asked them to make whatever they thought they did best, then we had a couple of 'tasting' days, when we tried out some 100 different cakes... and chose the ones we liked best."

Apart from the food, you can have all the coffee or tea you can drink, for IL6.50 (a wonderful idea if you're meeting a friend for coffee, and want to sit and chat for a while), or there are all kinds of frothy cool drinks, in beautiful tall glasses. All the glasses and the designed-for-Maskit Armenian coffee and tea china, are for sale.

Apart from the lovely Maskit prints, the wicker chairs and tables, also specially designed for Maskit and made in Gaza, give the cafe a true summer flavour. Hanging on the wall is a cage of brightly feathered birds (an attraction for children).

The cafe's hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and there are plans to serve light lunches, too. The cafe is managed by Vera Grossman.

One last thing I liked — in Maskit's tradition of giving the artist full credit, the names of the cooks are written on a blackboard every day after the cakes they've made, so you can even choose a pastisier you like and ask for what she's made that day.

MUSIC / Yohanan Boehm

The sound of Mahler

MAHLER: Symphony No. 8; the Israel Philharmonic conducted by Zubin Mehta; Heather Harper; Margaret Kelli, Stella Richmond, Jennifer Jones, Ursula Boese, John Mitchellson, Siegmund Nimsgern, Raffaele Arle; the "Johanneke" Choir (Cant. Gieseler, Thurner) and the "Aronel Schenker" Choir (Erlwin Guide Ortrier), Vienna; the "Sharoni" Children's Choir (Ephraim Marcus) — (Binyoni Ha'omah, Jerusalem — July 19).

THE ISRAEL Festival has tried for years to put Mahler's gigantic symphony on its programme, but always floundered on the lack of local choirs in Israel available or able to undertake the task. Now, with the aid of two choirs from Vienna, the great event has materialized, and the Festival opened with a large number of participants (some 250 choristers plus soloists and the enlarged Philharmonic Orchestra) and a terrific mass of sound.

The "Veni, Creator Spiritus," which forms the first part of the symphony, seems intended to overwhelm the listener, and at Binyoni Ha'omah one could hardly get more than a general impression of something tremendous happening — and not because of any exaggeration on the part of the performers. (The performance at Caesarea should be better from this point of view.) The real quality of the participants became apparent in the second part, with the soloists each producing fine singing and various degrees of clear diction; Heather

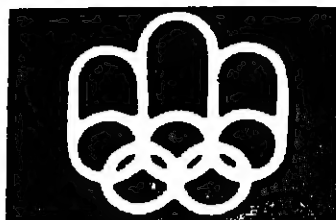
Harper, Jennifer Jones and Siegmund Nimsgern were easily one notch above the others. Stella Richmond came over most beautifully in her short but moving passage (as mother gloriosa), coming dramatically as if from Heaven from the back of the balcony. (This, of course, caused a large part of the audience to turn their heads in search of the singer, which was scarcely helpful.)

The choirs produced finely balanced and controlled sonorities, with a wide range of dynamics, from the faintest pianissimo to full throttle, demonstrating their exemplary training and vocal qualities. Ephraim Marcus' Children's Choir did not always come over clearly enough, but what could be heard sounded very pleasant.

The Orchestra did a wonderful job, and Zubin Mehta surpassed himself. His direction kept things going at a most spirited pace, and his firm lead never let anybody waver for a moment. The second part, especially, has quite a few lengthy passages — often reminding one of Wagnerian operas — but the all-round excellence of the forces assembled for this great occasion made this long-awaited presentation of Mahler's Eighth a memorable experience.

Never have I heard "Halkvahl" sung with such beauty and richness of vocal sound as on this opening night by the (non-Israeli) choirs from Vienna and the (non-Israeli) soloists who joined in as a tribute to Israel.

I.O.C. won't punish defectors; Africans to extend boycott



MONTREAL — The International Olympic Committee decided yesterday to take no immediate action against African nations which have walked out of the Montreal games to protest New Zealand's sports links with South Africa.

After the I.O.C. held a two-hour meeting, its first since the weekend boycott, Australian member David McKenzie told reporters that action would be deferred until the 1977 session of international federations which govern the various individual sports.

The I.O.C. will be holding further meetings here before the end of the games, but members said no sanctions would be imposed here against the 24 countries which have pulled out.

Mali and Swaziland advised the Canadian games organisers of their withdrawal yesterday.

Earlier, Jean-Claude Ganga, secretary general of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, told a press conference that the African boycott of the Olympic Games will be applied to other world sports until people realise they cannot support South Africa.

At a press conference held just outside the room where the International Olympic Committee (I.O.C.) met to consider the weekend boycott of African nations, he said the boycott was directed only against New Zealand. African delegations still in the Olympic Village will not go home, he said.

Ganga pointed out that 26 nations had joined in the boycott. He said: "I persuaded most of them to stay until today hoping that the New Zealand Government would make a gesture and call home its rugby team from South Africa. But nothing has happened, and the African athletes

who have decided to boycott the games will now go home."

Ganga said the African countries also will boycott the Commonwealth Games, set for Edmonton, Alberta, in July, 1978, if New Zealand is there and has not in the meantime changed its policy on sporting ties with South Africa.

Meanwhile, Mali, with only two athletes in the competition, confirmed it was pulling out. It became the 28th country to withdraw for one reason or another. Others were Egypt, Cameroon and Guyana.

Guyana said it was pulling out because of its total opposition to apartheid. Their departure left a question mark hanging over the Jamaicans, who had previously said they would go if Guyana went. But there was no further statement from them.

Egypt's Olympic team was taken by surprise on Sunday night by a report from Cairo that the Government had ordered it to return home. The Egyptian team leader, Abdel-Aziz el Shafel, received news of the reported order from a Rejter reporter. He had heard nothing from Cairo since he telephoned the Government on Saturday and received authorisation for Egypt to take part in the Games.

Ganga claimed the Supreme Council gave notice in April, 1976, that Africa would not compete at the

Olympic Games if New Zealand went ahead with its rugby tour of South Africa. He said New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon had given the tour his personal blessing and made this a point in his election campaign before becoming Prime Minister.

Ganga said his Council had apologized to the Organising Committee in Montreal for pulling the Africans out of the games. "This is not a boycott of Canada, or Montreal, but simply of New Zealand."

Asked by a newsman why some African countries had chosen to remain in the Games, Ganga said: "It was left to each country to decide for itself. Africa is a very large continent and it is difficult to achieve complete unanimity."

Ganga was asked about the spirit of the Olympic movement, which aims to be independent of government. He replied: "I think that is very good in principle. But it will need to be revised in the conditions of this century."

In Wellington, Premier Muldoon said African athletes who withdrew from the Montreal Olympics because of the presence of New Zealand were "used as pawns by their political masters."

He had not expected the African walkout and "misjudged the degree of political authoritarianism there is in these countries," Muldoon told newsmen.

Muldoon noted that the move was aimed at New Zealand and not at other countries which have had recent sports contacts with South Africa. He also said that in his opinion the African countries boycotting New Zealand at the Olympics would not refuse aid from New Zealand. "We'll still continue to give aid, and I guess they'll still continue to receive it," he said.



Kornelia Endler, East Germany's teen-age swimming wonder, is hugged by team mates after she breezed in as the anchor girl in the 4x100 metre medley relay, doing more than her share in setting a new world record. (AP)



Mike Bruner, first American to win a gold medal at the Montreal Games, exults on winning the men's 200-metre butterfly event, in which U.S. men won all three medals. (AP)

Gold-Getters

Medal winners after the first day of the Olympics Games on Sunday were:

Free pistol shooting: Uwe Potteck, East Germany — gold. Harald Vollmar, East Germany — silver. Rudolf Dollinger, Austria — bronze.

100-km cycling team time trial: Soviet Union (Anatoly Chukanov, Valery Chaplygin, Vladimir Kaminsky, Aavo Pikkus) — gold. Poland won the silver medal. Denmark won the bronze.

200-metre butterfly: Mike Bruner, U.S. — gold. Steve Gregg, U.S. — silver. Bill Forrester, U.S. — bronze.

4x100-metre medley relay: East Germany (Ulrike Richter, Hannelore Anke, Andrea Pollack, Kornelia Endler) — gold. U.S. — silver. Canada — bronze.

Weightlifting (flyweight): Alexander Voronin, USSR — gold. Gyorgy Koszegi, Hungary — silver. Mohammad Nassiri, Iran — bronze.

New World Records

Free pistol shooting: Uwe Potteck, East Germany — 573 (out of 600).

Women's 4x100-metre medley relay: East Germany (Ulrike Richter, Hannelore Anke, Andrea Pollack, Kornelia Endler) — 4:07.95.

200-metre butterfly: Mike Bruner, U.S. — 1:59.23.

100-metre backstroke: John Naber, U.S. — 56.91.

Flyweight weightlifting jerk: Alexander Voronin, USSR, 141 kg.

Today's Events

(Israel time)

Rowing 4 p.m. — Men's repechage.

Baseball 3 p.m. and on — Women: Japan-Canada, U.S.-Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia-USSR.

Men: U.S.-Puerto Rico, Yugoslavia-Czechoslovakia.

Boxing 7 p.m. and on — Preliminaries.

Cycling 4 p.m. — Individual pursuit qualifying heats.

8 p.m. — 1,000-metre time trial, final.

Fencing 2 p.m. and on — Men's foil individual preliminaries.

Soccer 9 p.m. — Brazil v. Spain (Montreal).

12 midnight — Cuba v. Iran (Ottawa) and Nigeria v. Poland (Toronto).

Gymnastics 9 p.m. and on — Men's optional exercises.

Weightlifting 8:30 p.m. — 50-kg. class, Groups A and B.

Handball 11:30 p.m. and on — East Germany v. Hungary, Soviet Union v. Canada, and Rumania v. Japan (women).

Poland v. Hungary, Rumania v. U.S., Tunisia v. Czechoslovakia, Soviet Union v. Canada, Yugoslavia v. Denmark and W. Germany v. Japan.

Hockey 4 p.m. — Pakistan v. W. Germany, Argentina v. Canada, and Spain v. New Zealand.

Wrestling 4 p.m. and on — Greco-Roman style, first round.

Swimming 3:30 p.m. and on — Heats: Women's 400-metre freestyle.

Men's 100-metre butterfly.

Women's 100-metre backstroke.

Semi-finals: Men's 100-metre butterfly.

Women's 100-metre backstroke.

Finals: Men's 1,500-metre freestyle.

Women's 400-metre freestyle.

Men's 100-metre backstroke.

Diving 1 a.m. — (W'day) — Women's springboard final.

Water polo 3:30 p.m. and on — Six matches, draw unavailable.

Modern Pentathlon 3 p.m. — Shooting.

Shooting 3 p.m. — Olympic trap shooting, 50 pigeons.

Volleyball 7 p.m. and on — Men: Soviet Union v. Brazil, Japan v. Italy.

Women: South Korea v. Soviet Union, E. Germany v. Cuba.

Yachting 7 p.m. Second race.

5 world marks toppled on first day

MONTREAL — Five world records were set here on Sunday as the Olympic Games got off to a fast start.

The strong East German women's swimming team made the old mark crumble as they took the 4x100 metre medley relay in 4:07.95. They shaved 5.46 seconds off the old record, held by their own Berlin Dynamo team, and overwhelmed the young American and Canadian women, who took silver and bronze.

Mike Bruner picked up the lone American gold medal of the opening day of competition when he set a world mark for the 200-metre butterfly of 1:59.23. The old record was held by East German Roger Pytel, who finished fourth yesterday behind two other Americans.

Earlier, John Nabor of the U.S. set a world record in the 100-metre backstroke in a heat when he swam the distance in 56.91 seconds, shaving 11/100ths of a second off the previous record, held by East German swimmer star Roland Matthes.

East Germany's Uwe Potteck had earlier won the Games' first gold medal in record-breaking style at the free-pistol range, mastering a gusting wind to tally 573 out of a possible 600 points.

The fifth record was broken by Russia's Alexander Voronin, who won the flyweight gold medal and then went on to jerk 141 kilos just for the hell of it. As the American men swept their swimming event and the East German women dominated theirs, the Russians started a fus. All of this was more or less expected. But the fantastic, perfect performance by Nadia Comaneci, an 88-pound, 4-foot-11, teen-age Rumanian girl, could not be anticipated. It had never happened before. And that's what started the fus.

Larissa Latynina, the Russian

coach whose athletes normally dominate gymnastics, tossed a disgusted look at the judges who had awarded Little Nadia a perfect score of 10 for her spectacular performance on the uneven parallel bars in the compulsory exercises.

"I question the performance," said the Russian coach, obviously seeing major competition for her stars, Ludmila Tourischeva and Olga Korbut. "I can see a 9.5, but it should not have been a 10. There were some flaws."

The judges said otherwise, and the poker-faced 15-year-old marvel who achieved the Olympics' first perfect

performance agreed. "I knew it was a 10 all the way," she said.

She responded to a tremendous ovation with a shy little smile, a rare occurrence for Little Miss Stoneface, and returned to the podium and let waves of sound and adoration wash over her.

But while the Russians may have taken a setback there, they picked up two of the five gold medals awarded in Sunday's first day of competition. The Americans scored a 1-2-3 sweep in the only men's swimming event, the East Germans got two golds in women's swimming, the sport they are expected to dominate.

Lop-sided hoop scores

MONTREAL — Centre Mitch Kupchak and forwards Adrian Dantley and Scott May led a balanced U.S. attack on Sunday as the Americans opened play in the men's Olympic basketball tournament with an easy 106-86 rout of Italy.

The U.S., seeking to regain the gold medal it lost to Russia in 1972, never trailed.

But the Russians also swamped their opponents, Mexico, in their debut Sunday night. The defending champions won by 120-77.

Cuba, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Canada also posted one-sided victories in the opening round games.

Cuba, bronze medal winner in the 1972 games in Munich and considered a medal competitor in this year's Olympics, beat Australia, 111 points to 89.

Yugoslavia, also expected to be a medal competitor, soundly whipped Puerto Rico, 84 to 63, with five Yugoslav players registering double figures on the scoreboard.

Soviet fencer barred in pentathlon

MONTREAL — Boris Onischenko, the Soviet silver medalist in the modern Pentathlon, was disqualified yesterday in the fencing section because of what Olympic officials described as a "fault" on his epee.

The elimination of the 38-year-old Soviet veteran, for 10 years a member of his country's team, virtually destroyed the Russians' chances of repeating their Munich gold medal team victory.

"The weapon had definitely been tampered with," said Carl Schwede, chief of discipline in charge of fencing. "Someone had wired it in such a way that it would score a winning hit without even making contact. The jury of appeal listened carefully to Onischenko's explanation that the epee was not his own, but decided his explanation was not good enough," he added. (Reuters)

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ILP'S HOUR

THE KNESSET faction of the Independent Liberal Party has decided to vote against the National Health Insurance bill when it is brought before the House for its second and final readings. But because the coalition of which it is a minor partner will in all likelihood be prepared to overlook this isolated act of rebellion, the ILP must do more than merely switch its four votes from Government to Opposition, if it wants to prevent passage of what is patently a bad bill.

The entire idea of the nationalization of the country's health services has for long been one of the major planks in the ILP electoral platform. This small party has often been led astray by promises of appropriate national health legislation made by its senior coalition partner — the Labour Alignment — when they entered into coalition agreements. The present bill is a woefully watered down version of what most informed persons concerned with public health and medicine agree should be the law.

The country needs a national health scheme providing universal coverage of effective medical service at minimal cost and geographically well distributed. Perpetuation of the provision of health facilities through the redundant, party-controlled sick funds is a poorly veiled political compromise that guts the original intention of a truly national health service.

Perpetuation of the separate sick funds and their separate and woefully inefficient fees collecting agencies, with their astronomically exorbitant overheads, will only further entrench the duplication of medical and administrative facilities which has been the bane of the entire system in the past. In today's economic situation this would be intolerable.

Perpetuation of the captive membership of the Histadrut's Kupat Holim, as envisaged in the amended clause which would enable the Histadrut to lift trade union coverage from members who opt out of its sick fund, will mean, in effect, that the universality of the service will be a sham.

Medical care is too serious a matter, and the billions of pounds invested in its administration too costly a matter, to permit a continuation of the system which has been breaking down before our eyes. The country's health scheme must not be structured primarily with an eye to the political patronage which can still be milked out of the system in the form of thousands of jobs for the party faithful.

The Independent Liberal Party cannot be blamed if, with its normal strength of four or five Knesset Members, it has not been able to force the passage of a desirable national health law. But it is in a uniquely strategic position at present to prevent passage of a bad one, by threatening to quit the government now if it does not withdraw the present bill. It owes it to its electorate to use this opportunity intelligently and forcefully.

University balance

THE EDUCATION Minister is to decide shortly on proposals to double university tuition fees, to between IL5,000 and IL6,500 per academic year. A sharp increase is unavoidable in light of the financial straits in which the universities find themselves and which has led to recent layoffs in academic staffs and to the closing of entire academic departments.

This is a sign of the times. Higher education is simply leading the field in a trend that can be expected to be duplicated many times in the not-too-distant future. Creative leadership both in politics and in the administration of higher education should, however, seize the opportunity of unavoidable financial retrenchment in order to conduct a more far-reaching review of the entire sector of higher education.

While there is justification in demanding higher fees from students whose income over their future working life will be appreciably enhanced by their State-subsidized higher education, this remains a relatively marginal item compared with the universities' more profound problems of financial over-extension. These problems lie primarily in the overdevelopment of certain academic disciplines in specific universities or in the system of higher education as a whole, and in the vastly more scandalous entrenched redundancy in university administrative staffs and functions. It is in this latter area that major cuts, as difficult as they may be to enact, must be effected.

University people being human, there has been the expected outcry against raising a budget-cutting hand against the sacrosanct field of higher education. The argument that Israel, as a Jewish State confronted with the task of a attracting and absorbing academically-inclined olim, and as a relatively isolated outpost of the Western intellectual tradition, must maintain a presence in even the most arcane of academic disciplines, is a sound and legitimate one. It must not be extended to the demand for the unregulated growth of all disciplines. In this regard, and in our present situation, balance is all and a wise balance between competing needs is what the Government should be striving for.

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DAVAR (Histadrut) writes: "Yesterday's Cabinet decision to end the exclusive linkage of the Israel pound to the U.S. dollar and replacing it with linkage to a currency basket, is one more step in the long line of fiscal, monetary and economic measures taken during the past two years whose main drawback is their frequency, which is keeping our economy in a permanent state of uncertainty and suspense."

"The principal consideration for dollar linkage has always been the profitability of Israel's exports, but in comparison with European currencies, the value of the dollar has been far from constant, and must be expected to fluctuate also in the future, making the success of the severed linkage difficult to predict."

"The complicated mechanics of the 'basket', on the other hand, make this an extremely difficult system for anyone but a trained speculator. Equally, the decision to change the system of 'creeping devaluations', in itself no drastic measure, must yet prove its effectiveness in curbing currency speculation."

"Now that the decisions have been taken, we wish them every success. But let us add a request to our wishes: allow the economy, allow the public, a reasonable interval for relaxation and familiarization between one reform and the next."

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The presence of a policeman

The roads of Israel's cities are fast becoming a jungle because of the conspicuous absence of the patrolman on the beat, says YA'ACOV FRIEDLER.



(Rubinger)

IT WAS eight o'clock on a quiet evening, at the bus stop in Rehov Arizel, near Rehov Herzl, Haifa's main street. There was a queue of perhaps 15 people waiting for a bus, when a sports car drew up opposite. The two young men inside waited a minute and then started blowing their horn, apparently signalling to somebody living in the vicinity that they had come for them. Getting no response they hooted even more persistently, and when that didn't work they simply leant on the horn, causing a loud and continuous noise which disturbed the entire neighbourhood. The people at the bus stop asked them to put an end to the pandemonium. (Horn tooting is forbidden by law in Haifa, as in most other cities of Israel). The young men just laughed at everybody. They could afford to.

There was nobody to stop them. The good old patrolman of the Israel Police seems to have disappeared. This was no isolated example. It happened once again at the corner of Arizel and Herzl streets, except this time it was Friday noon, a peak traffic hour. Two cars drew up opposite each other just past the junction, and the two drivers started discussing on what beach they should meet for bathing the following morning. They blocked the traffic at one of the busiest street corners in Haifa, and soon there were dozens of cars drawn up behind each one of them. The two drivers took no notice of the fact, and continued their conversation.

Again, there was nobody to stop them. The good old patrolman of the Israel Police seems to have disappeared. Or take the problem of crossing Rehov Herzl, Haifa's main thoroughfare. Cars regularly run through red lights, making pedestrians at zebra crossings jump for their lives. Pedestrians criss-cross the street, weaving in and out between cars, and everybody shouts at each other.

For the good old patrolman of the Israel Police seems to have disappeared. And his disappearance has made survival on Israel's urban streets extremely hazardous. There is no effective enforcement of the rules of the road, and the situation is getting progressively worse. Yet people wonder why we are cursed with so many traffic accidents.

I DISCUSSED the situation with the deputy commander of the Haifa Police, who is also the Police spokesman. While conceding that

"although you are exaggerating" there was a good deal to my concern. He cited the need for posting policemen for special anti-terrorist duties, and the shortage of manpower due to budgetary difficulties, as the reasons for the paucity of patrolmen. I held that for somebody getting killed or maimed on the road it made little difference whether he was hit by a terrorist's bullet or by a driver going through a red light.

I also held that if the brakes were not applied fast enough our roads would soon become battlefields rather than thoroughfares. If the situation were permitted to get out of hand, the Police would be unable to put it right again. Laws had to be either enforced or abolished. Unenforceable laws make an ass of the very idea of the Law.

I held further that the mere presence of a policeman might prevent traffic law violations. If the people at the Arizel of bus queue could have spotted a policeman, the young men would have stopped tooting. If policemen were in evidence, merely patrolling the streets as they used to do at one time, drivers and pedestrians alike would think twice before ignoring a red light.

In some countries dummy policemen are placed on highways, merely to give drivers the feeling that the Police are there, and if help is needed so strongly, was nothing more than a thoughtful criticism of Israeli policy via a vis the Palestinians by a respected student of foreign affairs. One may agree with Waskow or not (I happen to agree), but such a knee-jerk spouting of what Levine considers "official" propaganda is anything but a thoughtful response.

Where does one start in answering Levine? Does one begin by pointing out that the "disent" he so savagely attacks is motivated by a love and concern for Israel, and not the opposite? Is it necessary to remind him that Zionism and the State of Israel

READERS' LETTERS

SEGREGATION IS NOT THE ANSWER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — It is with infinite regret that I must take exception to Dr. Moshe Ater's conclusions in his article "Israel-1976, the bi-national state" (July 12), which can only lead one to despair. Is segregation really the answer?

To be quite fair to Dr. Ater, ethnic, religious and even economic blocs present special problems to modern unitary nation states which have been met across the world with varying degrees of success. Does the percentage of income tax paid and national insurance benefits received, however, really create a pretext for an extreme political solution?

In a complicated computerized system of income tax, how one can come out with a flat statement that the Arab population pays only 1.5 per cent of income taxes is beyond comprehension. Even assuming that such were the case, the statement ignores the issues of indirect, excise, purchase, company, withholding taxes and the like. Indeed, one can argue that the payment of such a low income tax is an indication that the Arab population is unhealthily poor and thus pays a disproportionate amount of indirect taxes.

The second argument for segregation based on the contention that Arabs do not serve in the Army while not altogether true as evidenced by the existence of the Minorities Unit, is not in any case a valid excuse for discrimination. It is in fact a shameful excuse for the discrimination against Arab citizens who are excused from active service on grounds of conscience, there is no reason why the same option should

not be given to the Arab population with an alternative national service made available to them.

Dr. Ater's classification of Jews as Israelis and Arabs as Palestinians is insulting to the concept of Israeli citizenship and I hope it has no official or popular standing.

Dr. Ater's third argument for segregation is that the number of Israel Arabs seems to be augmenting yearly and therefore must be contained in ghettos. This fear seems to ignore sociological studies which empirically demonstrate that a point comes when higher educational and economic standing act as a limitation on the number of children.

If the questions of taxes, military service and birthrate are not the criteria for a policy of segregation, what policy should there be?

I think at the outset that, as Israeli Arabs, with the exception of East Jerusalem, are citizens of Israel with all that the concept implies in the way of rights and duties, a differentiation in approach should be made between Israeli residents whose government is the Government of Israel and those of the administered areas, be they Jordanian nationals or Palestinians, who are not citizens of Israel.

History has taught us that, for communities to live together in a unitary state, there must be sufficient common identity factors and at the very least a common language. It is imperative therefore that all non-Jews in Israel should know Hebrew and, in the greater context of Israel within the Arab Middle East, that

Israeli Jews should know Arabic. A much more intelligent and imaginative education policy could be devised within the existing educational system.

It is also fairly obvious that many of the problems and frustrations of non-Jewish Israelis are held in common with Jewish Israelis — inflation, unemployment, unsafe roads, bureaucratic snafus fall equally on us all. A solution for one serves all.

Of the special problems affecting the Arab population of Israel, lack of information and inattention to their problems seem uppermost. Imaginative solutions to these problems could be found in the form of a commercial TV station and special information programmes.

As to the residents of the administered areas, one can only agree with the valid argument of the Honourable Abba Eban MK that their inclusion into the State of Israel would change the character of the state, if only by weight of sheer numbers. Does this exclusion, however, preclude social and economic activity such as the approved enterprises, the concept of which was entertained before the Yom Kippur War?

Need one despair when we have before us so many possibilities for the improvement of the State and the strengthening of Israeli citizenship? I say not. What we really need is an imaginative and fresh approach to an old problem divorced from fear and full of hope.

Dr. HAREEB A. KHAYAT
 Haifa.

PROPOSED NATIONAL HEALTH LAW

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — With reference to your report, "Shemtov blasts critics of National Health Law" (July 7), may I point out that an enormous amount of publicity, public meetings and discussion preceded the introduction of the National Health Service in England; and South Africa had a prolonged series of public lectures, debates and discussions in the universities; yet the Israeli public and doctors have reacted so strongly, was nothing more than a thoughtful criticism of Israeli policy via a vis the Palestinians by a respected student of foreign affairs. One may agree with Waskow or not (I happen to agree), but such a knee-jerk spouting of what Levine considers "official" propaganda is anything but a thoughtful response.

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cost lives. The competition and mutual criticism by a variety of sick funds seems essential for Israel at present.

Further, Mr. Shemtov is reported as saying that the law will promote regionalisation and "ensure continuity of treatment." Continuity of medical treatment is usually dependent on the family doctor or personal physician, and the number of general practitioners and family doctors who have been trained in Israel's medical schools is regrettably negligible, while the contribution of the new medical curriculum in Beersheba remains to be demonstrated.

According to the currently proposed National Health Law, the number of members in a "recognised sick fund" is to be fixed at a minimum of 50,000.

Why should an industry or institution, which thinks it has special

medical needs, not be able to persuade its members to create a separate sick fund which could apply direct to the Minister of Health (and Labour) to function under the National Health Law? Why should such an industry or institution have to persuade one of the existing sick funds to provide a framework? And how can new sick funds be established under these circumstances?

Finally there is the case of the sick fund for staff of the Hebrew University, which provides comprehensive sickness cover (including hospitalisation, private surgeons and convalescence), but in contrast to some other sick funds which have deficits and need government subsidies, has accumulated substantial reserve funds to cover emergencies. Will it be permitted to continue to exist?

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CRITICISM OF ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — I am appalled at the shallow, vindictive and self-righteous "Letter to my people" by one Charles J. Levine, (July 13). Arthur Waskow's letter, to which Levine reacted so strongly, was nothing more than a thoughtful criticism of Israeli policy via a vis the Palestinians by a respected student of foreign affairs. One may agree with Waskow or not (I happen to agree), but such a knee-jerk spouting of what Levine considers "official" propaganda is anything but a thoughtful response.

Where does one start in answering Levine? Does one begin by pointing out that the "disent" he so savagely attacks is motivated by a love and concern for Israel, and not the opposite? Is it necessary to remind him that Zionism and the State of Israel

are largely the product of "archaic leftist Jews" — whatever that phrase means in his terminology? Is it even necessary to remind a Jew, who so passionately defends his own people's right to self-determination, that other peoples, including Palestinians, also possess that right? Does he not know that many Jews, inside Israel and without, sincerely question the Government's policies, as is a citizen's right and duty in a democracy?

I could go on, Levine's letter superficially touches so many basic issues, that argument is virtually impossible. What frightens me is that a young Jew should be so sure of himself, so ready to banish those who disagree with him.

JEFFREY HALPER
 Jerusalem.

FILM ABOUT ENTEBBE
 To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — The Israel Government should move cautiously before assisting private movie interests to make a film about the Entebbe raid.

A film appearing in a year or two could reach the screen in a charged political situation in Africa. If the political climate is better for Israel, such a film could reopen old wounds at a moment of delicate diplomatic manoeuvres. No racial group likes to have even its shortcomings portrayed in an unfavourable light by outsiders. A realistic portrayal of certain African leaders and the behaviour of African troops could cause much resentment against Jews and Israel.

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